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Subject: You Rolled Over

Dear Sirs/Madams:

Your "settlement" is simply a reward to Microsoft for decades of illegal monopolistic behavior.

There is nothing to stop them from raising the price of their MS Office products to OEMs to force them to abandon any competitor product placements.

Microsoft has proven by their deceitful testimony during the first trial (doctored videotapes, lies about their email message history, etc.) that they have no fear of the U.S. government.

They were operating for several years under a consent decree before that, and they did not change their behavior one iota.

This is a travesty of justice and serves to weaken our anti-trust laws.

I urge you to reconsider the position of the nine states who oppose this settlement, and don't foist this Pyrrhic victory on the U.S. public.

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